

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 861  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach David Martin and the Goodpasture High School football team on winning the 1999 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 2-A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize great high school football teams, those exceptional squads that work hard, demonstrate tremendous diligence and dedication, and the rare ability to turn setbacks into setups for comebacks; and

WHEREAS, the excellent 1999 Goodpasture High School football team, that won the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 2-A state championship, has unquestionably been one such very talented team; and

WHEREAS, during the rugged regular season, Goodpasture compiled a fine 7-3 record and tied for the Region 4 2-A Championship; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the TSSAA playoffs, they faced the most successful Chattanooga-area team of the 1990s on the opposition's home field; the Goodpasture Cougars

admirably met this stiff challenge admirably with an impressive 55-14 win over Marion County; and

WHEREAS, the next game proved a turning point in their memorable season when the Cougars defeated a revenge-minded Smith County, 49-6; and

WHEREAS, Goodpasture next traveled to Tyner, a powerful team that was then ranked the best in the state and, with an outstanding defensive effort, came away with a stunning 21-18 victory; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial semifinal round game, the Cougars beat a veteran Harriman team, 35-8; and

WHEREAS, having met the difficult assignment of having to beat four good teams on their home fields; there was one last remaining hurdle in the battle for the coveted state title, the championship game against Huntington; and

WHEREAS, in the Clinic Bowl Class 2-A state championship, Goodpasture overwhelmed Huntington, 31-6; and

WHEREAS, the team was expertly coach by **Head Coach David Martin**, who was honored as the 2-A Mid-State Coach of the Year, and his fine Assistant Coaches **Ted Bloodworth, Ritchie Estep, Van Hollaway, Andy McWilliams, and Lee Phillips**; and

WHEREAS, the long list of team honorees included **Shaka Hill** (linebacker), a finalist for the TSSAA Mr. Football Award, the Lawrenceburg Quarterback Club Middle Tennessee Player of the Year, *The Tennessean* Defensive Player of the Year, First Team *Associated Press* and Tennessee Sports Writers All-State, *Nashville Sports Weekly's* Elite Eleven and All-Region 4-2A Defensive Most Valuable Player, and *The Tennessean* All-Mid-State Dream Team choice; **Jamie Baskin** (wide receiver), who set school records for receptions (60), total receiving yards (966), and touchdowns (12), along with career records for receptions (105), receiving yards (1,626), and touchdowns (18) and was selected *Associated Press* and Tennessee Sports Writers First Team All-State, All-Region 4-2A Return Specialist, *The Tennessean* Offensive

Player of the Year, All-Mid-State Dream Team and *Nashville Sports Weekly* Elite Eleven Honorable Mention; **Matt Hart** (quarterback), Tennessee Sports Writers All-State, *Associated Press* Honorable Mention All-State, *The Tennessean* First Team All-Mid-State; **Shane Nolan** (offensive line), *Associated Press* and Tennessee Sports Writers First Team All-State, the All-Region 4-2A Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, All-Mid-State, and *Nashville Sports Weekly* Elite Eleven; **Joe Knox** (defensive back), *Associated Press* All-State, *The Tennessean* All-Mid-State and Clinic Bowl Defensive Most Valuable Player; **Jonathan Leath** (defensive line) was selected as *Associated Press* All-State and *The Tennessean* All-Mid-State; **Brandon Wix** (offensive line), was named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State team; **Justin Curtis**, (linebacker) was honored as the *Associated Press* All-State Honorable Mention and as a member of *The Tennessean* Class 2-A All-Mid-State Second Team; **Jeff Vallett** (offensive line) and **Amon Binkley** (defensive back) were both chosen *The Tennessean* All-Mid-State First Team; **James Buckey** (offensive line), *The Tennessean* Second Team All-Mid-State; **Michael Payne** (kicker), *Associated Press* Honorable Mention All-State, All-Region 4-2A Kicker and *The Tennessean* All-Mid-State Second Team; **Kevin Eggleston** (defensive line), Tennessee Sports Writers All-State and *The Tennessean* All-Mid-State Second Team; and **Chase Eakes** *The Tennessean* Class 2-A All-Mid-State Athlete and Clinic Bowl Offensive Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team were: seniors, **Jamie Baskin, Joe Knox, Shaka Hill, Matt Hart, Michael Payne, Rusty Hagan, Jonathan Jeans, Brandon Wix, Shane Nolan, Justin Curtis, Jeff Vallett, David McCulloch, Jonathan Leath, James Buckley, and Jared Pigue**; juniors, **Jeremy Todd, Ryan Pace, Jeff Gill, Miles Calvert, Amon Binkley, Kyle Nolan, Kevin Eggleston, Lynch Lutz, Joshua Baker, Andrew Hendon, and Eddie Wilkerson**; sophomores, **Ricky Eberlei, Thomas Moncreif, David Begley, Justin Mosely, Greg Morgan, Justin Netherton, Chase Eakes, Adam Vogan, Kirk Pippin, Brad Waddell, and Eric House**; freshmen, **Ryan Batey, Marcus Buggs, Derek de Grijs, Matt Green, Adam**

**Jones, Trey Clary, Cole Norris, Chase Judkins, Daniel Culbreath, Taylor Dugger, Chance Minchey, Christopher Baker, Daniel Walker, Rodney Rodriguez, Martin Hill, Ryan McClintock, Heath Brewer, Daniel Hobbs, James Begley and Matt Rhodes;** and eighth graders, **Brandon Janco, Philip Travis, and Chassen Haynes;** each of whom contributed to the success the team has enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, **Superintendent John W. McCarley, President William F. Ruhl and Athletic Director Clint Parnell** have been very supportive of the team; and

WHEREAS, **Athletic Trainer Chris Snoddy, Sideline Assistants J. P. McCarley and Cory West, Statistician David Kimbrough, Student Athletic Trainers Lindsey Sanders, Leanne Holley, Elizabeth Purkey, and Llana Anderson; and Cameraman Chuck Pitt** have been diligent in their important efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to salute this exemplary team on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend **Coach David Martin** and the 1999 Goodpasture High School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 2-A state championship and extend our best wishes for their future success,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.